NOTICE CONCERNING NOMINATIONS AND PORTION BIDS TO THE OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES

The new procedures for nominating acreage for leasing and in making portion bids will be in effect for the May 8, 2002, State Mineral Board meeting. This means that nomination requirements will be in effect for the **December 22, 2001 – January 28, 2002** nomination period. The portion bid requirements will be in effect for the May 8, 2002, mineral lease sale.

The new requirements for releasing acreage back to the State <u>are in effect at the present time</u>. Therefore, all releases must show acreage retained as well as acreage released and have the proper X and Y coordinates for each portion.

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